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DEPT PASS TREASURY FOR ASST SECTY PARSKY

E.O. 11652 N/A
TAGS: ENRC TC
SUBJ: AL WATHBA GETS SLAPPED DOWN

REF: (A) ABU DHABI 2491 (B) BONN 19458 (C) STATE 285093

1. ADDRESSES WILL RECALL FROM REFTELS THAT WHEN TREASURY ASST SECY PARSKY WAS HERE FOR BRIEF VISIT, LOCAL ARABIC GOSSIP-SHEET AL WATHBA PUBLISHED STORY THAT PARSKY VISIT TIMED TO DISRUPT EUROPEAN-ARAB DIALOGUE MEETING IN ABU DHABI. WE COMPLAINED ABOUT ARTICLE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND MINISTER PETROLEUM OTAIBA, PARKSY'S HOST, ALSO DID SO. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT AL WATHBA HAS NOW BEEN FORCED TO PRINT RETRACTION, IN FORM OF FOREIGN MINISTRY LETTER, WHICH "STRONGLY DISAPPROVED" OF "UNFOUNDED" NEWS WHICH COULD "DAMPEN GOOD RELATIONS BETWEEN FRIENGLY COUNTRIES." LETTER GOES ON TO STATE THAT STRENGTHENING RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES WILL NOT AFFECT IN ANY WAY GOOD RELATIONS WITH OTHERS. MFA LETTER CONLUDES THAT PUBLICATION OF "SUCH BASELESS NEWS IS AGAINST NATIONAL INTEREST."

2. COMMENT: IT TOOK AWHILE BUT CLEARLY "APPROPRIATE ACTION" PROMISED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MINPET OTAIBA (REF A) HAS BEEN TAKEN.
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